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In re application of: Masket

Attorney Docket No.: MSKTP001

Application No.: 10/644,601

Examiner: Michael H. Thaler

Filed: August 20, 2003

Group: 3731

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING AN ACCURATELY SIZED AND PLACED ANTERIOR CAPSULORHEXIS

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	18	MINUS	20	0	x 25 = 0	x 50 = 0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS	3	0	x 100 = 0	x 200 = 0
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on its merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this papers.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.